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For : REARVIEW VISION SYSTEM FOR VEHICLE  
INCLUDING PANORAMIC VIEW

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Dear Sir:

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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.51, 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information listed on attached Forms PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner in connection with examination of the present application.

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The Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the patents and publications listed on the attached Forms PTO-1449.

United States Patent 5,670,935, which issued on September 23, 1997; United States Patent 5,949,331, which issued on September 7, 1999; United States Patent 6,222,447, which issued on April 24, 2001; United States Patent 6,498,620, which issued on December 24, 2002, and United States Patent 6,611,202, which will issue on August 26, 2003, to the above-named inventors; United States Patent 5,798,575, which issued on August 25, 1998, to Desmond J. O'Farrell, Roger L. Veldman and Kenneth Schofield; United States Patent 5,550,677, which issued on August 27, 1996; and United States Patent 5,877,897, which issued on March 2, 1999, to Kenneth Schofield and Mark Larson, are commonly assigned with the present application.

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United States patent application Serial No. 10/324,679, filed on December 20, 2002, is commonly assigned with the present application.

With the exception of United States patent application Serial No. 10/324,679, copies of the documents listed on Forms PTO-1449 are not submitted herewith because they were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in one or more of the parent applications.

The Examiner is kindly requested to consider the United States patents listed on the attached PTO-1449 Forms during the examination of the above-identified application, making the references of record, and to return an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Forms to the undersigned attorney.

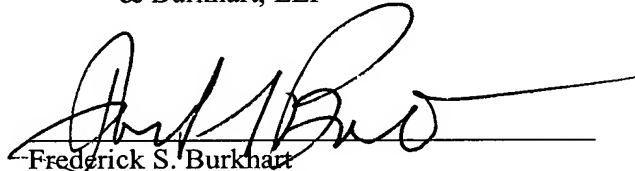
An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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